



March 23, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Speaker Ryan:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to repeal and replace ObamaCare, which has led to higher premiums and fewer choices. ObamaCare has overburdened and overregulated our businesses, medical communities, and American families, and it has expanded Medicaid in a way that diverts resources away from the program's core mission. This bill addresses many of the concerns of those who sent a loud and clear message to Washington last November demanding change.

We write today to offer our support for the American Health Care Act, especially now that important changes to the legislation were announced this week. The move to a more flexible Medicaid program that empowers states with options to utilize per-capita caps or block grants; providing a workable timeframe for transition out of ObamaCare; advancing work requirements to encourage able-bodied Americans to find jobs; and providing states with funds to help stabilize our insurance markets and provide assistance to low-income Americans, are all positive improvements to the bill.

We understand there may be additional improvements and technical changes as the bill advances, and we will continue to engage in discussions with the Congress and the Trump Administration.

Transformational change from a "free" entitlement where all rules are made in Washington to a true state-driven healthcare system will not be easy and will take a coordinated effort from government and all sectors of the healthcare industry. We must keep moving toward that goal with passage of the American Health Care Act.

Sincerely,

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Governor Eric Holcomb
Indiana

A handwritten signature of Governor Robert Bentley.

Governor Robert Bentley
Alabama

A handwritten signature of Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
Idaho

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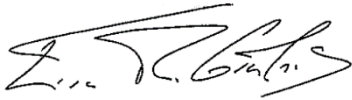
Governor Sam Brownback
Kansas

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Governor Paul R. LePage
Maine

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Bryant'.

Governor Phil Bryant
Mississippi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric R. Greitens'.

Governor Eric R. Greitens
Missouri

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary R. Herbert'.

Governor Gary R. Herbert
Utah